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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 12

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Citations Affected: Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Term of office of elected officials. Permits the general assembly to fix the dates for beginning terms of county officers in order to establish a uniform schedule of starting dates. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly. (This draft was approved by the county government study commission.)

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 8, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Legislative Apportionment & Elections.
January 15, 2002, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning local government.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to the
- 4 next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. **(a)** There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 8 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
- 9 Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and
- 10 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for four years. ~~and~~
- 11 **(b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform**
- 12 **dates for beginning the terms of the county officials listed in**
- 13 **subsection (a). If the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a**

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1 uniform date for beginning the terms of a county official listed in
2 subsection (a), the General Assembly may provide that the term of
3 each county official initially elected after enactment of the law to
4 provide the uniform date for beginning the terms of the county
5 official is for less than four years in order to establish a uniform
6 schedule of dates for the beginning of terms for the office.
7 However, after the initial election for each office, the term for that
8 office shall be for four years.
9 (c) No person shall be eligible to the office of Clerk, Auditor,
10 Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, or Coroner more than eight years in any
11 period of twelve years.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Legislative Apportionment and Elections, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Joint Resolution 12 as introduced.)

LANDSKE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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